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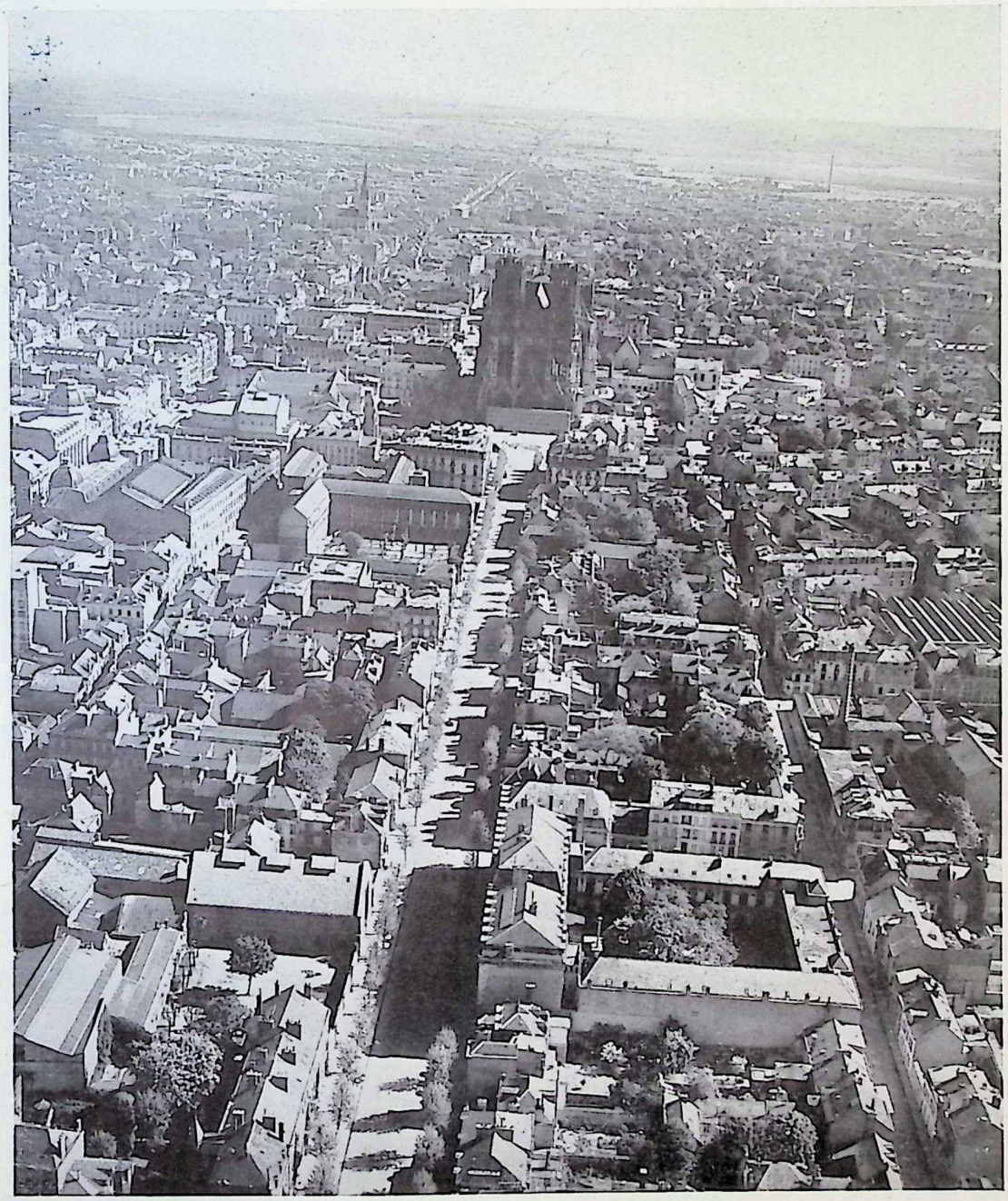

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EDITORIAL

"Sweating It Out"

Victory is ours but for many men and women in the services the toughest part of all has arrived, "sweating it out".

With the surrender much of the excitement that keeps men going, vanished like snow in a hot sun and the monotony of waiting will be harder to bear than the uncertainty of combat. Most of us find some fault with the point systems of the Army and Navy, particularly as it relates to our own sons. Unquestionably, they were devised in the best interests of the country but it is to be hoped that once our enemy is disarmed and unable to strike again that a new director will return all those overseas a year or more.

It seems altogether fair that those who have been in there pitching in forsaken spots all over the globe should be sent back and replaced with those who have never been outside of the country. Men with families, boys who would resume their studies should be given preference for discharge. It might even be possible to police Japan and Germany with volunteers for overseas duty but in any event those who fought their war the hard way have the right to come home.

They've certainly earned it. Without them we might have been "Heiling Hitler".

YDVA INVITES YDS TO JOIN

All officers and men of the Yankee Division, past, present and future, are eligible for membership in the YD Veterans Association, according to a communique received by The Grapevine from H. Guy Watts, National Secretary of the YDVA.

The YDVA is "the largest and best organized of any Divisional organization in the country with chapters in cities from Waterville, Maine, to Los Angeles, California." Any YD man interested in membership may secure further information by writing "National Headquarters, YD Veterans Association, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

As a note of encouragement, the YDVA communique stated, "Just read in the paper today that you are scheduled to return in October and we hope to plan a great welcome for the whole Division."

OLD YDS CONGRATULATE

At the recent annual convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, the following resolution was passed:

"Be it resolved that the Yankee Division Veterans Association in convention assembled at Boston, Mass., on June 30th, 1945, extends to the Commanding General and all officers and enlisted men of the 26th Infantry (YD) Division its congratulations and appreciation of the excellent services and record on foreign soil in World War II and be it further resolved:

"That the members of the Yankee Division Veterans Association request the General to publish to the members of the 26th Infantry Division our felicitations, and to convey to them the feeling of pride of YD Veterans of World War I in their glorious accomplishments and the manner in which they have carried on the spirit and traditions of the Yankee Division.

YD Grapevine.

103rd M.G.B. Stages Reunion

Company D, 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, held its first reunion since the Yankee Division Veterans Association Convention in 1935 at Fred Sabine's, Goodsell's Point, Branford, Connecticut on Sunday, August 12th. Due to gasoline rationing and lack of adequate addresses it was impossible to contact our comrades in Vermont and other states. However, it was such a success for those who attended that all those who can get to Fred's place next February 22nd will meet to plan a gala affair for next summer. It is hoped to make it an annual affair. Letters were read from Charles McManus and Harold Borgstrom and the entire war was fought from Niantic to France to Devens. Please send your addresses, comrades, to Joe Anderson, 100 Woodcrest Ave., Stratford, Connecticut. — Clyde G. Beckwith.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

*** Comparison 1944 - 1945**

1944		1945
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	17
2	Farmington	0
43	Lewiston	41
33	Waterville	39
21	At Large	28
133		125
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
6	Concord	0
2	Franklin	0
9	Keene	6
53	Manchester	55
38	Nashua	43
9	Rochester	9
24	Triangle	22
9	At Large	19
150		154
	DEPT. OF VT.	
16	Brattleboro	15
1	Burlington	0
26	Montpelier-Barre	16
35	Rutland	38
1	St. Albans	0
7	Morrisville	9
6	At Large	16
92		94
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
24	Beverly	22
510	Boston	545
53	Concord	51
9	Brockton	6
39	Danvers	37
131	Fitchburg	165
4	Foxboro	1
45	Haverhill	41
7	Holyoke	0
10	Lawrence	11
24	Lowell	25
229	Lynn	209
16	Marlboro	19
41	Milford	38
69	New Bedford	57
32	Reading	23
41	Salem	37
101	Springfield	111
160	Worcester	294
64	At Large	90
1608		1782
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
117	Apremont	129
25	Kent County	26
223	Providence	227
0	At Large	1
365		383
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	52
112	Bristol	116
230	Hartford	218
55	Manchester	45
78	Meriden	54
24	Middletown	25
34	New Britain	65
220	New Haven	220
12	New London	17
24	Norwalk	23
20	Stamford	19
26	Torrington	25
4	Valley	3
22	Wallingford	21
15	Waterbury	22
39	Willimantic	49
30	Groton-Stonington	25
1	At Large	3
993		1002
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
19	Chicago	23
25	Cleveland	22
11	Denver	11
21	Detroit	24
17	Los Angeles	8
138	New York	131
24	Philadelphia	15
27	Washington	27
37	Life Members	37
84	At Large	90
3745	GRAND TOTAL	3928

YANKEE DIVISION VETS WELCOMED

One with 66 Wounds, Other with 13 Relate Their Experiences

By James H. Lanyon

Two sergeants of Co. G, 104th Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division — one with 66 wounds and the other with 13 — got back to Cleveland yesterday, the first of the famous spearhead division to return here.

The are Clayton Wagner, 25, of Cleveland, and John Mizwa, 28, of Lorain, O.

They were guests of the Ohio chapter of the YD Veterans Association, where each was given a chance to tell whatever story he chose of his war experiences.

Wagner, heading a combat patrol of 17 men, was wounded 13 times in the Metz area last Nov. 12 and was taken prisoner. Thirteen of the 17 were killed. Wagner was in a German prisoner of war camp until February of this year, when he was liberated by the Russians.

"There are no finer soldiers than the Russians," he said.

Asked about life as a prisoner, he said:

"The Jerries treated us kind of tough. I had been shot through the jaw, and they had a captured Polish doctor treat me. He wired my jaw up the best he could, but there would be days and days when he couldn't show up.

"For breakfast we would get a cup of coffee — terrible stuff. At noon we would get an item of bread. It amounted to about a loaf a week per person. We had some of the most awful soup.

"At supper we occasionally would get stew. They couldn't fool all of us, and we know that cats and dogs had been cut up into the stew. But when you are hungry you have to eat.

"The Red Cross did a swell job for us, and whoever contributes to it cannot give too much. The Germans would steal what they wanted from our Red Cross packages, but we would end up with something. We couldn't get any cigarettes.

"It was reported as 'missing in action' for five months. Last May 17 was my birthday — the happiest I have known. That was the day I was turned over to the American Army. And here I am. Boy, there is no town in the world as wonderful as Cleveland, and you know I have been to a lot of places."

Wagner is on 75-day leave for hospitalization. He has won four major battle decorations, including the Purple Heart and Silver Star. He entered service in January, 1942, and was sent to Europe last summer. He had been a truck driver for the Halle Bros. Co.

Mizwa, with his 66 wounds, though attempting to appear nonchalant, must be a tough guy. He formerly was a coal miner and a carpenter.

He was sent to Europe last August and on Oct. 22 in France was cut to pieces by shrapnel. He was in a hospital until February, when he was returned to duty. Then, in Germany, he was wounded with shrapnel again and went to another hospital. He has the Purple Heart with clusters and four battle stars.

He said he shot "every German I could see."

Edward Dulude, commander of the chapter, and W. T. (Okie) O'Connor and Harry G. Schnell, past commanders, presided while Wagner and Mizwa related their experiences to a hushed audience.

Sandwiches and doughnuts were provided by the assocation's women's auxiliary.

A. P. O.

Lt. Col. Dewey, New Haven, Conn., Wins the Legion of Merit Award

The Legion of Merit has been awarded Lieut. Col. George L. Dewey, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the Italian theater. Colonel Dewey received the award from Brig. Gen. Frederic B. Butler, commanding general of the IRTC, at Camp Fannin, Texas where Colonel Dewey is in command of the 66th Training Battalion.

The citation praised Colonel Dewey for "distinction under extremely hazardous combat operations." Colonel Dewey, the citation said in part, "was able to provide ingenious solutions relating to unpredictable combat situations which contributed materially to the successes of his regiment in battle."

THIS MONTH'S COVER

This picture, with several others equally good that will appear in later issues, was taken by Lt. Gardner L. Watts, son of our National Secretary. He was attached to the Eighth Air Force Recon. Station at that time.

OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER
DENNIS J. BRUNTON

LETTERS FROM THE NEW YD

July 29, 1945.
Hammelburg, Germany

Dear Sir:

I saw an advertisement in The Grapevine about the YD Veteran Association, it says to write to you for further information, so sir would you be kind enough to send me further information as I will be with the YD three years this February. I will put my name and serial number at the bottom of this letter.

Yours truly,
CPL. WILLIAM HURLEY.
Co. B, 101st Engineers.

Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry.

Gentlemen:

According to the YD Grapevine of July 28, 1945, members of this Unit are eligible for membership in your organization.

Please forward further information in regards same.

ROBERT D. NASH.

Hammelburg, Germany.
29 July 1945.

Dear Sir:

After reading the resolution that the members of the Veterans Association of the Yankee Division have forwarded to the officers and enlisted men of the present Yankee Division, I am requesting further information as to the steps that I must take to become a member of the said Association.

At present I have been an infantryman in the 26th Division for the past eight months and am proud to have had the privilege of being in such a fighting unit.

I was wounded once and have three battle stars. So I feel that I have done my utmost in helping the division keep the great name that it secured for itself in World War I.

I'd also appreciate your naming the closest association to my home, Reading, Penna.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration you may give me,

I remain,
A Proud YD Infantryman,
PFC. WM. A. ZEIBE, SR.

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate further information on applying for membership in the YDVA. At present I'm in the 8th Armored Division awaiting shipment to the States and discharge, along with a lot of other YD vets.

I joined the YD in March, 1942, at Camp Edwards as a cadet member in the 39th Signal Company. I stayed in that outfit throughout all its training and the entire campaign over here.

My home is in Los Angeles, California. If the YDVA has a chapter in L. A. I would like its address.

Yours very truly,
DONALD M. VARHY,
M/Sgt. 148th Armored Sig. Co.

Dear Sir,

I would like to secure information as to how I may become a member of the YDVA.

Thank you,
GORDON STEVENS.

Pfc. Gordon W. Stevens 31412292
Co. "K", 104th Inf.

July 28, '45.

I've read your invitation to join the YDVA. I would like to be a member of the YD Veterans Ass'n. So would you please send me further information. How to be a member of the YDVA.

Yours truly,
PFC. MERWIN C. LOBER.
Co. E, 104th Inf.

Hamilburg, Germany.
29 July 1945.

Dear Sir:—

Am enclosing two clippings from our YD Grapevine.

Please send me information in regard to becoming a member of your organization, the membership fee, etc.

Yours in Comradeship,
WILLIAM F. MULERT,
HQ. Co., 26th Inf. Div.

July 29, 1945.

Dear Sirs:

Just read in our division paper where you are inviting all us fellows to sign up with your Veterans Association. Being a member of the good old YD for the past 2½ years, I would like to take you up on your invitation. If it isn't too much trouble, I'd wish you'd send me a little more information on what has to be done. When I'm finished with what you send me, I would gladly pass it on to all the fellows of my company. Until I hear from you, I remain one of the Yankee's boys.

LAWRENCE HEBER.

July 29, 1945.
Hammelburg, Germany.

Dear Sir:

I read in our weekly paper, "The Grapevine" about the YDVA. It was the first time I heard about this divisional organization and would like to know more about it.

I have been in the Yankee Division since 1943 and came overseas and fought with them and hope to stay with them until I get altogether out of the army.

I would appreciate it if you would send me information about membership, etc. Others in my company are also interested.

Thanking you, I remain,
PFC. LESLIE DECKER.
Co. G, 328th Intantry.

July 27, 1945.

Gentlemen:

I'm writing you for further details as to membership in the YDVA. I've been with the outfit since we hit combat and there's no better Division in the E.T.O. I've been wounded twice but now I'm here for good. At present I'm C.O. of H Company, 328th Infantry.

Would you please send me the information. Thanks a lot.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN S. SCHELL.

Sir:

I am a member of the Yankee Division and have been since 1938. I enlisted in the 104th Infantry, N.G., in Springfield, Mass., my home town.

I now belong to the 114th Clearing Company of the 26th Division.

I would appreciate information on membership to the YD Vets. Ass'n.

Thanking you, I remain,

PFC. EUGENE W. DAME,
Co. D, 114th Med. Bn.

Germany.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me particulars on joining your organization. I am very much interested as I am a YD member and have served in combat with the division in a line company. My home is in Quincy, Massachusetts, so the YD makes me feel more at home.

Thanking you in advance,

PFC. WILLIAM A. TURNER,
Hq. Co., 104th Inf.

Veteran Association:

As I looked at our Division "Grapevine" newspaper I found an article on application membership to your organization.

It did encourage me a great deal, for I would like to belong to it. I've been with this Div. since December 16, where I met them at Metz, France, coming from another outfit for 3 months combat. I am really proud to have fought with such men who held American pride against their foe. In the past it would be entertaining to meet and see the old men at celebrations that you would hold through the years. I know for sure that my state, New Jersey, would have a large chapter in this association.

We are ready to fight against the Japanese, as we are having full training as an assurance to our call. General Hartness would really like to fulfill your wish to welcome us in being stationed in Mass., but we know it is up to higher headquarters or that step. Hoping that you will send me the full details on how to register with this fine idea.

Yours truly,

PFC. HOWARD J. VOGT.

August 14, 1945.

Dear Sirs —

I am writing this letter to you to ask you to send me any information you can concerning gaining admission to the YD Vet. Organization.

I was with the 39th Signal Co. from March 1, 1942 to the 6th of Nov., 1944, when I was wounded in action at Arracourt, France.

At present I'm at the Convalescent Hospital, at Camp Edwards, and hope and expect to be discharged some time in the near future.

Please address your reply to me as follows: —

IRVING C. STICKMAN,
P. O. Box 44,
Union City, Conn.

Wernstein, Austria.

Gentleman:—

Enclosed please find my address over here where we are stationed. Would like some information regarding dues and membership in the YD Veterans Ass'n. for 9 months over here. It's a grand outfit and rates tops with this Yank. Here is my address. Will write soon.

PFC. FREDRICK LUSK,
M Co., 104th Inf.

Hammelburg, Germany.

Gentlemen:

I noticed in this week's "Grapevine" about the Veteran's Ass'n. wanting new members and would like very much to become a member of the organization.

I joined the YD in the first group of reinforcements last October and after serving with "L" Company, 101st Infantry, until January during the Bulge, was wounded and later transferred to the Q.M. Co. I sure was glad to be able to stay with the division during the war and there's no doubt it's the best.

Please send me the necessary information to my home address as I hope to be there soon. Thanking you and hoping to hear from you soon.

PFC. J. O. PARRISH.

Hammelburg, Germany.

Dear Sir:

Have just read in the YD "Grapevine" that men now serving in the 26th Div. are eligible for membership in the YD Veteran's Association.

I would appreciate you sending me further information about joining.

Thanking you,

I remain,

JOHN J. O'ROURKE,
Hq. Co., 26th Inf. Div.

PAY YOUR DUES!

Are you one of the few who have neglected to pay for your Christmas Cards?

YD COMMANDING OFFICER JOINS THE YD VETS. ASS'N.

HEADQUARTERS
U. S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER
Office of the AC of S, G-1

3 August 1945

Mr. H. G. Watts
Yankee Division Veterans Association
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Watts:

I have just received the resolution passed by the Veteran's Association and I am very happy that you have finally allowed the Yankee Division veterans of this war to become part of the Association. I also like the idea of including those former members of the Yankee Division who were unfortunate in not serving with us here, but did such a splendid job in the Pacific. This, however, should be confined to those having served with units of the old YD square Division and not as individuals.

As you undoubtedly know, I am now at Headquarters, USFET and, much to my regret, not with the Division. My period of service with the YD was the happiest of my career. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to command such an outstanding group of men.

I expect in due time to make a trip back to the States and when I do, I most assuredly will get in touch with you.

I would appreciate it if you would enroll me as a member of the Association.

Andrew Tully and Lawrence Kirk are grand individuals and I am devoted to both of them. I shall transmit your congratulations and felicitations to the Division with great pride.

With sincere personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. S. PAUL,
Major General, GSC
A C of S, G-1

Y. D. VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursement for the Three Months Ending June 30, 1945

Cash in Bank on March 31. 1945		$1,297.13
Add — Receipts for the Three Months:		
Membership Dues	$6,075.00	
Advertising Income	444.00	
Withholding Tax on Employees	153.90	
Miscellaneous Income	15.37	6,688.27
		$7,985.40
Deduct — Disbursements for the Three Months:		
Yankee Doings —		
Printing	$1,225.78	
Advertising Commission	352.00	
Mailing	100.00	
Postage	85.00	
Express	8.00	$1,770.78
Salaries	787.50	
Rent	100.00	
Travel Expense	81.07	
Withholding Tax on Employees	79.30	
Postage	69.00	
Administrative Expense	65.00	
Membership Expense	30.00	
Social Security Taxes	19.17	
Miscellaneous Expense	8.17	3,009.99
Balance of Cash in Bank on June 30, 1945		$4,957.41

L. H. REDFIELD,
National Treasurer.

Buy More Bonds!!

YD SONS IN SERVICE

1st LT. GARDNER WATTS
Receives Air Medal

PVT. ROGER THERRIEN
358th Infantry
Son of Harry E. Sherman

DONAT THERRIEN
Seaman 2/c U.S.N.
Son of Harry E. Sherman

SGT. HENRY L. THERRIEN
470th Air Service Group
Son of Harry E. Sherman

CPL. HARRY E. SHERMAN
Bat. B, 2nd Armd. Div. 92 F.A.
A Co., 101st M.P.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
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BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker for August was held on the third Thursday with the hall packed and a showing of movies that kept the members interested for over an hour.

Many YD veterans of World War No. 2 have visited the club during the past month. Most of them are either waiting for their discharge or in the hospital. They have all stated their intention of joining the association as soon as they get discharged.

A letter was received from Col. Edward Connors (formerly of Co. B, 101st Inf.) from Burma asking to be remembered to all his former buddies. Also one from Maj. Connell Albertini (formerly with Hdqrs., 104th Inf.). He is now stationed in British West Africa with Hdqrs. Southern Trans. Command.

Also heard from Capt. Fred Wilton (Hdqr., 104th Inf.), who is Courier Transfer Officer in the Panama Canal Zone.

A recent visitor was 1st Sgt. John D. Mullaney (Hdqrs., 104th Inf.), who had just returned from overseas after 22 months with the Eighth Air Force and was expecting then to be redeployed to the Pacific.

— H. Guy Watts.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

The bells and whistles announcing the end of the war with Japan before our August meeting of the 14th prevented the same.

In the Legion sponsored parade on Wednesday, Commander Burnham had a large percentage of the chapter. Among those noted were Lambert, commander of Post 4, A.L., who led the parade on a horse; Commander Burnham of Haverhill Chapter and Comrades Poor, Eaton, Booth, Tarleton, Meteyer, Garland and Norton. There might have been others. While not marching as a unit the Berets attracted attention. I heard many spectators say "Ah — the old YD is out today".

In the evening at a get-together at the Legion Home, Comrades Lambert and Poor distinguished themselves. Lambert dressed as Uncle Sam did a dance impossible to describe but very funny. He was accompanied by Poor dressed as a demi-monde who played the drum for the dance.

I know there were other comrades who were with other organizations—the V.F.W. in particular. I being with the Legion do not know how many or who, but assure all that no slight is intended.

— C. H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugus, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Lynn Chapter has reached 228 in membership up to Aug. 15th and our goal is 300. With vacations and the summer heat our regular Tuesday night meetings have been short but our smoker the last Tuesday is still tops—going strong.

We have signed up four new members from World War II and expect many more to join. Maybe they will add new life to YDVA. Our new members are William Hennessey, 182nd Inf.; Leonard Burnham, 114th Combat Eng.; Charles Murphy, 102nd F.A.; Edgar Schaffer, 26th Signal, and one of our old gang, James Wood, 101st Am. Train.

Another big loss hit us in August when Carl Ruddock passed away at the Bronx Veterans' Hospital in New York. Carl died August 12th. He served

with Co. I, 104th Inf., and was in business on Broad Street, Lynn. He was a Purple Heart man, a good soldier and successful business man and one of our real active members. He leaves a wife and son, the latter being in the Navy. He was given a full military funeral by the Lynn YD and Post 291, A.L. Walter Smith and Perley Knight were YD bearers—two from the Masons and two from the Legion.

Commander Christian Schacht headed the YD delegation assisted by Claude Hoag and Ray Doucette as color bearers and Percy Paige, Arthur Barnaby, Robert Quinn, Ray Knox, Gustave Johnson, Robert Telford, Major Newton Courtney, William Eddows and State Comdr. Rudolph Heftye.

Chester Grant of Gloucester, former State Commander, A.L., and Frank Smith of Beverly, were present at funeral.

— Ray Doucette, P.N.C.

SALEM

Commander: Charles Leger
32 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Chas. A. LaForme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Short Pants from the old Witch City—On Thursday, Sept. 13, 1945, the Salem Chapter will hold a YD Night, in honor of the YD boys of World War II at which time we hope to enroll in our fold about 20 new YD. Our plans are to open up with a banquet at 6.30 p.m., in our YD quarters on Howard street (this banquet will be free to the new YD vets), a short speaking program, entertainment and dancing. At this party we will present our Mayor, Edward A. Coffey his certificate of Honorary membership in our chapter.

We hope to have the pleasure of having our new National Commander, Dennis Brunton with us for this affair. We are also inviting General Sherburne of the old Art. to attend. If our luck holds good we'll have a bangup affair.

V.-J. Day Notes—We had a fair turnout for V-J Day parade in Salem—but the Ladies' Artilleries showed us up as usual. We did get a few new faces in line, namely Chick Beaulieu, F. Bat., 101st F.A. His first parade since 1917. I guess everybody in Salem trades in his grocery store. Somebody even wanted to give him an order for beef while he was in line. Well, anyway he supplied us with some fine skinless frankfurts following the parade. Slicky Sullivan also paraded. He is the assistant to my top sergeant, Ed Calhoun, who made an expert latrine digger out of me. The old top kick was in the Dug-out following the parade looking chipper than he has been for a long time. Cowboy Dube was also an addition to our parade. Comdr. Toothless Leger was marshal of the Third Division. Capon—Henfruit St. Charles had to leave early to feed his Capons and shovel the henfruit. That little fellow from Peabody, Councillor Jack Cooley, was on deck with Cribbage Pelletier.

A good time was had by all in the parade and in our quarters we had hot dogs, tonic, etc. Oh yes, opium in bottles.

The wife just said your beans are ready Thibault.

— E. Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: John Meffen
100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Springfield Chapter extends a hearty welcome to the following YD Veterans of World War II who are now members of the chapter. Comrade William K. Luke served with Headquarters Company, 104th Infantry. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Comrade Luke lives at 59 Hayden Avenue here in Springfield. Comrade Luther D. Hackett served with Co. C, 104th Infantry. He has the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Citation and Combat Infantry Badge. Comrade Hackett is a First Sergeant and has been declared essential. He is stationed at Camp Devens at present. Comrade Edward L. Hackett also served with his brother Luther in Co. C, 104th Infantry. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. He expects to receive a medical discharge in the very near future. Comrade George R. Liberto served with Co. G, 104th Infantry and the 328th Infantry. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. Comrade Liberto lives at 36 Cortland street here in Spring-

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field. Comrade John L. Ashe served with Battery A, 102nd Field Artillery. He lives at 38 Bruce street here in Springfield. All of these boys saw plenty of action overseas and I sincerely hope that they will interest more of their comrades in joining the YDVA.

Our genial "cop" from West Springfield, Senior Vice Commander Gilligan and his membership committee are certainly doing a swell job, as our membership to date is way ahead of last year. In fact, we have more members right now than we have had for some time. Our hats are off to Past Commander Dee and National Commander Brunton along with Commander Meffen for signing up both old and new members this year.

Past Comdr. Henry Roux is back with us once more after having seen service overseas in both World Wars. At our July 6th meeting Comrade Roux gave us an excellent talk on his experiences in World War II. He visited several places in France that were familiar to us fellows. I think that he must have been a pal of Gen. Patton as he surely knows all of General Patton's adjectives, especially when referring to his officers.

The highlight of our August 3rd meeting was the presentation by National Commander Brunton of the membership cards to our several new members of World War II, and the induction of these comrades into our chapter.

Home owners and residents of the Oak Grove avenue section have had a new paper distributor during the past few weeks for their daily morning news of the world. The slick-looking chap is our own comrade, Ben Johnson, who is substituting for his son Bobby while Bob is vacationing on the Cape. It might be well to mention that Comrade Johnson is an employee of the Post Office Department, and he has aided us on many occasions in getting mail and packages to "our boys" in the service.

Comdr. John Meffen is very pleased to welcome back into the chapter the following members: Comrades Warren Andrews, William Pozzi, Sr., Herb Heap, Linwood Culver, James Haslan, Leslie Miller, Harold Cleveland, Wilfred Dambrosie, John Blight, Samuel Lindsey, Andrews Birnie, Kenneth Finney, Michael O'Connor, John Lowe, George Oster, Jerry Boucher, Abe Flesher, William Foy, Bill Ferrier, George Seymour, Frank Rogers, Bill Forrest, Harold Lennon, and Edward Better, Jr.

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— Roswell F. Patch.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
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The vacation period now being over this chapter is getting ready for a full season's run of activities. The House Committee has been in weekly sessions during the whole summer planning something for the comrades during the winter months to come. So if we skip a month without anything in the DOINGS it's because we have been too busy on something else. Things are rapidly getting into shape for a final clean-up so that in the future we may be able to breathe a little easier, and really call the place our own.

On Sunday, September 16th, we will hold our annual Clam Bake at the Shrewsbury Rifle Range (tickets $3.00 per person) where everything will be served that goes with one of these affairs. Earl Holbrook says that if you don't get enough it will be nobody's fault but your own. The home will be closed that day so that there will be no reason for anyone to come here. Refreshments will be set up on the grounds for everybody, tonic or whatever you want.

Aime Brunelle of Tatnuck will be the caterer and has promised that all will get a full quota and possibly seconds for those that want it. Now that gas rationing is off there ought to be a lot more people with transportation facilities to take other comrades that have no other way to get there. Here's hoping to see a large crowd at the bake. It will be a good opportunity for some of those cribbage guys to get in a few licks. Choose your partners boys and let no two say they are better than any others. (Ask Al Ohrne and Harold Nute).

There ought to be a lot of vacation stories when the boys get settled down, believe me there is nothing better than laying out in the sun with nothing to do. I know because that is all that I done for two weeks. PC Nute spent a couple of weeks at the Cape, and was satisfied with the fish that he caught. Cliff Mellen I understand also spent a couple of weeks at the same place.

The circus that we had was a success financially, so PC Jones took himself away for awhile to get back some of the sleep that he lost while arranging for the affair. All of the comrades that helped on the circus work are to be thanked for a tiresome job well done, arrangements are being made to take care of them in the future. Joe Moylan claims that he got those blisters from swinging a sledge.

We were glad to see some of the visiting comrades drop in and pay a visit, PC Gardiner Hall and a car load of his comrades dropped in on their way home from the convention, and Comrade Benson from New London dropped in one night and at the same time signed up a new member for the club. So regardless of who you are or where you are, you can always do something for the good of the YDVA. Thanks a lot boys and come up again some time we are always glad to see you.

Speaking of families in the service, Charlie Snickers' folks must of got fed up with what he told them of the last war for they have gone in to see for themselves what it is all about, the Mrs. is now a sergeant (look out Charlie you were only a private the last time) and is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., and the daughter is a Pvt. in the Army Air Force in Florida. Of course Charlie has been keeping the home fires burning while they are away.

— C. O. E.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

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PROVIDENCE

Commander: Francis Dunn
59 Appleton St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, 10, R. I.

The summer season is over. The weak and sinful like Murray and Mack spent the summer in giving their blood to the mosquitoes. The hale and hearty gave theirs to the Red Cross. If we couldn't help save a life we at least helped to save the pests for the boys returning home.

During the months of July and August our membership teams were on the ball. Vickery's High Explosive and Dunn's Duds succeeded in bringing the membership up to the 245 mark. With the cooperation of all we can put the chapter over the top for the coming year. With the war over lean years are bound to follow. Let's make hay while the sun shines and the dough jingles in the pant's pocket.

At this writing it is a pleasure to introduce several new members. Who remembers Tatios H. Heditsian, B Bty's super tailor? Also Howland Standish, Herb Lippold, Clyde Nichols, E. Page O'Donnell, Christopher Horn, Herbert Dawson, Walter Hohler and James S. Clarke, Brockton, Mass. For re-ups we have George DeVries, Ronald "Moose" Platt, John D. Aitken, Frank C. Welch, Major Fred Holgate and Ernest Buckley. Thanks, boys, for your membership. Let's hope we see you at our future meetings.

From now on we'll give away approximately $10.00 at every meeting of the chapter. The Ways and Means committee have raised $60.00 for the purpose. A five spot will be added to the dime collection. As you enter the hall your name will be placed in the box. If your name is drawn, the dough is yours. In the past the boys have built up the "kitty" for Jim Salafia. Winning forty bucks in one year was Jim's luck. At our last meeting Tom Hickey drew Jack Kelly's name for $9.75. To Salafia that's just peanuts.

At our last meeting we were surprised by a visit from ex-Sgt. Charlie Plumb and Jim Gould from No. Carolina. They were escorted by their husky body-guard, Tom Hickey, D.S.C., former member of C Bty. Tom's version of how the 103rd F.A. was organized seems logical. According to Hickey they transferred all the good men from A to B. All of the best men from B to C. May I also add that the brains of C were transferred to Hq's Co. Without our aid the boys from the Jam Battery would have been but another outfit. The question as to what outfit won World War I is yet unanswered.

In commenting on past events I'd like to say that the dance put on by Davidson and Kittredge was a humdinger of a time. Too bad more of the gang didn't turn out. It was a swell time with plenty to

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eat and drink. During intermission the boys were entertained by "Rubber Legs" Garvey an old time trouper of years ago. The next big event on our YD program is the annual clam-bake which will be held at the Moduc Club on September 30th. The bake will be featured by a soft ball game between Providence Kent County and Apremont chapters. With such stars in our line-up as "Flat-foot" Fenner, "Trick-knee" Cook and "Fallen-arches" Murray it looks as though Pete Bourget's gang is in for a tough day. Get your ducats early and avoid the rush. Price: $2.50 per head.

During the month of July we had the misfortune of laying to rest our long ailing comrades Charles Hampel and James Ellsmore. Both comrades were accorded full military honors by members of the chapter. We were assisted by the Providence Fire Department and Richard Dennis Post, A. L. Thanks to members of those organizations for the swell service rendered.

The thousand word story usually published in DOINGS is a thing of the past. In condensing the news I'd like to report we have received many letters from Col. Forsythe, Ray Donahue, Henry Garceau, Lt. Col. Charles Lippitt, Dwight T. Colley, Jack Creamer and many others.

Well, gang, here's a few rips from Betty Murray's night shirt.. You remember those two twins who used to march in our Armistice Day Parades. In a letter received I have been informed that one of the Platt boys has been wounded three times and is now recuperating at Lake Placid. The other saw considerable action and has been decorated twice. Ken Dennis, our good-will ambassador is now in charge of the V. A. Newport, R. I. Ernie Buckley's son has been reported killed in action. Henry Green is recuperating from a serious operation. Verne T. Moody had the misfortune of losing his fingers by accident. Thanks to the boys of Stonington-Groton Post for their donation of 3000 cigarets which were sent to the patients in Newport Naval Hospital. Also thanks to Ray Crowell for his quarterly donation of smokes and magazines to the boys in the same hospital. Lt. Col. Charles W. Lippitt met Gordon MacLeod in London, England. Accordingly, the Major's son should be home shortly. Col. Ed. Forsythe recently visited Bryan I and other spots where the 103rd F.A. fought in 1917. His letter of his tour was very interesting.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd. Come around you may take the "kitty" home.

— Murray-Mack.

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Commander: Albert Plant
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News, glad tidings, happy days are here again. The month of August brought many good things, but the news of the atomic bomb and Japan's surrender was the answer to our long awaited prayers.

At our August meeting the attendance was small due to the fact that our meeting notices were delayed by V-J Day. Despite the delay the regulars turned out to carry on the chapter's business.

In giving you the news of the day I am glad to report that Col. John Baird has returned from France looking better than ever. A top-kick in the last war Jack sure traveled many miles through the thick and thin of World War II. At one of our future meetings we expect to have him on hand to discuss his recent travels. Consider this an invitation, Colonel, to be accepted at your leisure.

I have been informed that another one of our members, Colonel Russell Sweet has tied the knot. It just seems you can't hold good men down. During World War II Col. Sweet served with the Military Intelligence Dep't. When time permits, Colonel, pay us a visit and introduce us to the lovely bride. Don't be bashful. Best wishes and many happy days to you.

The membership at present is 135 which tops last year's mark. The two Jacks, Mallon and Moran have done a splendid job. With aid from others there's no reason why Apremont shouldn't reach a total of 145 before we close our books for the ensuing year.

The big news at present is the coming clambake which will be held at the Modoc Club on September 30th. This will be a department affair in which all three chapters will participate. Tickets are limited, therefore, I suggest you attend our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, the 20th of September. Al Shabbott, Jack Moran and Arnold Beech will have ducats on hand.

The feature of the bake will be a softball game between Providence and Apremont chapters. The eleven old men of Apremont don't foresee too much trouble ahead in defeating the has-beens from the big city. If you are fit and rearing to go turn in your name to "Pete" Bourget who will handle the game. For an umpire I suggest the assignment be given to Bill Bergin of Kent County.

A collation of Little Necks and Hanley's cold ale was served after the meeting. Norm Young, Kehoe and Beech sure done justice to the shell-fish dug by Commander Al Plant. From now on Young can dig his own.

— Al Plant, Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

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NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Tony Pechout
99 Glen St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Eric S. Olsen
123 Church St., New Britain, Conn.

Five of us attended the State meeting in Bridgeport, we had some trouble finding the exact spot, but thanks to a few directions from some of Bridgeport's Finest, we did. We were treated royally by both the V.F.W. and Amer. Legion there.

We had quite a time celebrating V-J Day, and now we're all very quiet.

The State meeting of Sept. 9th is to be held here, Our Nat. Commander, his staff, P.N. Commanders and P.S. Commanders are to be here, and Tony and the rest of us are arranging for a real turnout.

We are still adding to our total, two more signed up this week, so if any of you haven't done so now is the time.

Gardner Wild, one of our former Mayors, and a members, is on vacation, we're waiting for him to return, as we have a nice job for him.

Just a tip on Dewey Selander, don't ever offer him Scotch, and Tony got fattened up, so he fell off the milk wagon, I hope he lost his glasses.

We had a visit from Harold Thompson from the N. Y. chapter, he formerly lived here. "Red" Washburn also visited us.

Tony and I are now ready to challenge any one to a nice game, so let's hear from you experts, you, too, Pat.

— Eric S. Olsen, Secretary.

MERIDEN
Commander: George Semrau
376 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Howard R. Matteson
256 Spring St., Meriden, Conn.

Harry P. Adams, formerly of Co. L, 102nd Inf., 26th Div. passed away at his home, 9 Twiss St., after a long illness.

Mr. Adams served as Commander of the Meriden Chapter, YDVA, and of the Meriden chapter, Military order of the Purple Heart.

A military funeral was held from his home at 8.15 o'clock in St. Laurent's Church.

Members of the YDVA which Mr. Adams served as a Commander attended the services in a body.

A large delegation from the various YD chapters from New Haven, Waterbury, Willimantic and Springfield, Mass., also attended.

Military services at the grave were conducted by Commander Semrau and Eben Dike as State Chaplain. The Firing Squad was furnished by Co. H, Conn. State Guards with 1st Sgt. G. Irving Rays in command.

The Pall bearers were Walter Boardman, Clarence Roys, Martin Cummings, Vincent Alioa, Raymond DeCantillion, Edson Burgess. The Floral bearers were Earl Carter and Howard Matteson.

Mr. Adams leaves his wife, Mrs. Winifred Stowe Adams, three sisters and three brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Harry known to his buddies as "Buck" was a friendly and faithful man of fine character.

He will be greatly missed and remembered by all who knew him.

— Howard Matteson, Sec'y.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Secretary: Andrew M. Lemon, 75 Pine St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

NEW YORK
Commander: William H. Cowie
43-17 149th St., Flushing, L. I.
Secretary: Ralph F. Nevin
230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

New York Chapter held its regular July meeting on Tuesday, July 24th, at the Lexington Hotel. For those thirty-four odd members who attended it was a most enjoyable meeting.

We had as guests of the chapter five wounded heroes of the present YD. These men are at present patients at Halloran General Hospital and we all know that they got a great kick out of attending their first YDVA meeting. These are the fellows who will be taking over the affairs of YDVA very shortly and the enthusiasm and interest displayed by these men gives assurance that YDVA will live for years to come.

During the evening it was most interesting to overhear two or three of these fellows discussing an action that had taken place at some little town in Alsace-Lorraine, each one interjecting his little part in telling how it really happened. The pattern is identical with that of their predecessors, each one proud of what his company or battery had done in some particular action. We fellows still like to get into the old bull-sessions and now these young kids have the same fever. Unknowingly, it is binding the Mickey McGuire's from Providence, the Sammy Goldstein's from the Bronx, the Ole Olson's from Michigan and Tony Grassiano's from Chicago into a group proud to be Americans and proud to be YD men. We know they will cherish the YD as we have for the past twenty-seven years. It was amusing to sit on the side lines and hear one of our members tell these lads how we did it in 1918 and then hear one of these kids tell how they did it in 1944.

We also had the distinct pleasure of greeting again a kid who five years ago attended one of our meetings and assisted his father, PDC Dickson, in handling the moving picture projector for the motion picture part

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of our entertainment. He returned this time as a 1st Lieut. in the U.S.A.A.F. wearing the Purple Heart and carrying in his brain the indelible stamp of a year and a half in German prison camps. PDC Dickson's joy in having his son back again is shared by all his comrades in YD. Lt. Dickson gave us a vivid description of his experiences.

We were also entertained by our guest of honor, Lt. James Keith-Wright, a submarine officer of the British Royal Navy, who has seen action in this war in the Seven Seas and has recently been serving in the South Pacific under U. S. Navy Command. His account of his adventures in the seas was most thrilling.

We were also honored with the presence of Comrade Louis Wintner of Philadelphia Chapter who brought the best wishes of his chapter and a cordial invitation to the members of New York Chapter to visit Philadelphia. Louis also spoke briefly of the recent National Convention. Drop in again Louis and this goes for the other members of Philadelphia Chapter and of all other chapters.

During the business portion of our meeting it was voted to change our meeting night from the fourth Tuesday of the month to the second Thursday of the month, effective Thursday, September 13th. There will be no meeting of New York Chapter in August.

Your correspondent had the pleasure recently of meeting Comrade Edward L. Robinson of Worcester Chapter who decided to spend some of his vacation sight-seeing in New York. He painted a picture of the new Worcester Club House which makes us feel that the boys up there are surely going to town. More power to Worcester.

Our Commander, Bill Cowie, announced the passing of the mother of Joseph Greenberg who has the sympathy of his Comrades of the Chapter and in YDVA in his bereavement.

Commander Cowie also announced that Comrade Roger Williams is ill in New York Hospital and Comrade Harold Washburn is at the Veteran's Hospital in Newington, Conn. These fellows will appreciate a line from their old buddies.

The climax of our lively meeting was the prize drawing in which eight lucky individuals divided some fifty-five bottles of choice liquors.

New York Chapter after its August recess will be back in line in September ready to get into high gear.

— Ralph F. Nevin,
Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander: James W. Boyer, Jr.
1613 Harvard St., N. W.

Secretary: Arthur L. Robitaille
2224 Chester St., S. E.

On Sunday, May 27th the YD Club of Washington went to Arlington National Cemetery and placed flowers and a YD flag on about one hundred forty graves of our departed comrades. Chaplain Queenin conducted services at the "Old Man's" grave where his wife and daughter are also buried. On behalf of the Chapter, Commander Boyer placed a wreath on the grave. The following day Comrades Golden and Robitaille placed the wreath from the Boston Club on the General's grave, and, also, one at the crypt of Norman Prince at Washington Cathedral, on behalf of the YD Post, V.F.W. of Boston.

We had a picnic in Rock Creek Park on Sunday, June 17th which was well attended in spite of very warm weather. After the usual picnic supper we were chased home by rain, before the harmonizers could get tuned up. The affair was livened up by four waves (out of uniform) who were guests of Commander-in-Chief Mrs. Boyer.

The executive committee held a meeting over a Chinese dinner in Chinatown on July 25th when a report on the Annual Meeting at Boston was given by our Commander, who seemed to be the only one who could wangle some leave.

We have come up with 2 new members: Alden T. Keeting of Co. L, 101st Inf., and Bob Conroy, formerly of the Boston Club.

— A. L. R.

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Frank Gernazzaro, formerly of the 101st Infantry, died at North Plymouth the week of August 14th. No other details available.

Lt. Col. William J. Avery, former Captain in the 101st Supply train, World War I, died at his home in Fort Wayne, Ind., on August 19th. Col. Avery was originally with Co. E, 8th Mass. Inf. and went overseas with the 101st Supply Train. He was the foreign representative of a radio firm and spent many years travelling over the world.

Robert W. Boudreau, formerly of the Supply Co., 101st Field Artillery, died after a short illness at the City Hospital, Boston, Mass. He was a former policeman of the Boston Police Department and left to enter the service in World War II. After serving two years he was discharged. Burial was from his home in Roxbury.

The following names were reported deceased. All were former members of the Providence Chapter. No other details available, Eugene H. Blair. Hqrs. 103rd F. A.; Arthur V. McElroy, Bty. A, 103rd F. A.; John J. Broady, Bty. B, 103rd F. A.; Walter H. Lawson, Bty. C, 103rd F. A.; James H. Barr, Co. B, 101st Supply Tr.; John Fortini, 104th Ambulance Co.

James S. Ellsmere, C Battery, 102nd F.A., died in July. No further details.

Charles Hampel, Hdqtrs. Company, 103rd F.A., of Providence, R. I., died in July. No further details.

Urbain A. Riendieau, Past Commander of Fitchburg Chapter, YDVA, was laid to rest on July 30th at Fitchburg, Mass. The requiem mass was attended by many veterans, including Jeremiah Sullivan, Arthur Shea and Daniel Moran. Burial was at Worcester, Mass.

Fred H. (Benny) Wilson of Plainville, Connecticut, died at Newington Veterans Hospital on August 12. The funeral took place in Manchester, Connecticut, on Wednesday, August 15, and the burial was in Soldiers' Field, East Cemetery. He was a member of YDVA, A. L., and V.F.W. and served in France with Company G, and Supply Company, 102nd Inf.

Roger Williams, 54, assistant director of the inspection and safety service of the New York State Insurance Fund, 625 Madison avenue, died at the New York Hospital, 525 East Sixty-eighth street. He lived at 128 Pelhamdale avenue, Pelham, N. Y.

Mr. Williams was a native of Walden, N. Y. He was graduated from Syracuse University in 1914. He served with the 7th Regiment, New York National Guard, on the Mexican border and with the 26th Infantry Division in the world war, in which he was a captain. His service won him the French Croix de Guerre.

Before Mr. Williams entered the New York State Insurance Fund, he was for many years with Richardson & Boynton Co., manufacturers of cooking ranges.

Surviving are a son, Roger Williams, Jr., and a brother, Dr. Calvin E. Williams. Mrs. Williams died in 1922.

Samuel T. Farrell, Machine Gun Co., 104th Infantry, died Aug. 25 at Fitchburg, Mass. He was treasurer of Fitchburg Chapter and the burial services were conducted by chapter officers and members.

Joseph Coughlin, B Co., 101st Military Police, passed away at Lowell on Sept. 1. No further details.

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MANCHESTER PLANS TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The Manchester Chapter is planning to hold a Testimonial Dinner for Past National Commander John W. Dunlap at the Carpenter Hotel, Manchester, New Hampshire, on Saturday night, October 6th.

Tickets may be obtained from Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H., for $5.00 each. All reservations must be in by September 26th.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

August meeting — present: Chapin, Goedelmann, Murray, "Rocky", Vetter and Cournoyer. Major Preston was reported as being "indisposed". Someone suggested — still recovering from V-Day. Chapin and Goedelmann are working at the arms plant, cleaning up, preparatory to closing down. Murray tells us that he is still trying to give telephone service. Carl Johnson was seen at the Legion club house, the night of V-Day. "Rocky" is on the Federal grand jury. Pinnt writes us that he is having a pretty tough time. We looked forward to having some of the members of the new YD who are patients at Fitzsimons Hospital, with us, but none of them showed up.

— Vetter.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Alfred Roberts
37 Penn St., Woodbury, N. J.
Secretary: Edward A. Johnson
944 Foss Ave., Drexel Hill, Penn.

Philadelphia Chapter, YDVA

Dear Members:

At our meeting of July 27th there was a lengthy discussion on obtaining a banner for our Chapter and P.C. Hudson agreed to look into the details. This meeting was well attended and should give your new Commander, Phil Maloney, the incentive for a big year. He fined six members for not wearing their YD Buttons. It was good to see Ed Johnson back in harness again after a long illness.

We had a long discussion on our plans for the reinstatement of Past National Commander Forsyth at the coming National Convention in Boston. Then at the convention the following members were present: Comdr. Phil Maloney, P.N.C. Forsyth, P.C. Ellis, P.C. Roberts, Boston Kelly and your Sec. Wintner. Let me state here and now, contrary to reports in the last issue of *Yankee Doings* that P.N.C. Bill Forsyth did not apologize to anyone and it looks as though we will have to start the battle all over again.

The Philadelphia Chapter would like to express through *Yankee Doings* their thanks and appreciation to Mary Taylor and Dan Atkinson for the fine picnic they provided for the members on July 29. Everyone had a glorious time.

— L. Wintner, Sec.

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